

Appendix N

Public Meeting Summary Reports



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Final Meeting Report

US 281 Environmental Impact Statement Public Meeting #3

Prepared for the Federal Highway Administration

San Antonio, Texas
April 29, 2010

APPENDIX C

Meeting Handouts, Slide Presentations, and Exhibits

Meeting Handouts

MEETING AGENDA - PUBLIC MEETING #3

Summit Christian Center - Thursday, April 29, 2010 - 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS MEETING

- Inform interested individuals of the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.
- Provide a forum where individuals may ask the US 281 EIS Team questions about various aspects of the US 281 EIS process.
- Inform individuals about the results of Level 2 and Level 3 alternatives evaluation methods and the reasonable alternatives recommended for detailed evaluation in the Draft EIS.
- Allow for small group discussions of the recommended reasonable alternatives.
- Gather feedback from the public regarding the alternatives evaluation process, methods, results and recommended reasonable alternatives.

5:30 PM **OPEN HOUSE**

7:00 PM **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE PRESENTATION**

7:35 PM **SMALL GROUP WORK SESSIONS** (see other side for more information)

Instructions for the Small Group Exercise

Recommended Reasonable Build Alternatives

Alternative 1 – Overpass/Expansion Alternative

Alternative 2 - Expressway Alternative

Alternative 3 – Elevated Expressway Alternative

Questions for discussion in the small groups:

- (1) What do you like about this alternative?
- (2) What concerns you about this alternative?
- (3) How well do you think this alternative meets the need and purpose for improvements to US 281?
- (4) How do you think this alternative would, or would not, serve as a long-term solution for US 281?

8:35 PM **RECONVENE WHOLE GROUP**

Reports from Small Groups

Wrap up and Next Steps

9:00 PM **ADJOURN**

Please see the other side for a description of the small group process and additional information about how to comment on this meeting, the EIS process and the recommended reasonable alternatives.

STEPS FOR SMALL GROUP WORK

1. You have been randomly divided into groups of eight-to-ten participants as you signed in at registration. Each group will have a facilitator who will be responsible for keeping the group on task and assuring that everyone in the group has the opportunity to participate in the group discussion. Each group will also have a scribe who will be responsible for writing down the results of the group's discussion on a flip chart.
2. Each group will be asked to discuss the four questions on the first page of this agenda for each of the three recommended reasonable alternatives.
3. The groups will operate in a round robin fashion. Each group will spend about 20 minutes reviewing the alternative. You will be asked at the end of your discussion, after approximately 20 minutes, to move to the next group. The facilitator and scribe will remain where they are.
4. Once everyone has had the opportunity to discuss each of the three alternatives, the groups will reconvene as one large group and the facilitator of each group will make a brief report to the whole group on the highlights of their group's discussion

IN ORDER FOR THE SMALL GROUP WORK TO RUN SMOOTHLY WE ASK THAT PARTICIPANTS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

- Listen to understand.
- Speak one at a time.
- It's okay to have different opinions; please give everyone who wants to speak the opportunity to express his/her opinion.
- Please keep your comments concise and to the point.

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD!

A court reporter is available if you would like to make verbal comments for the record in addition to the comment card.

All written comments received or postmarked by Monday, May 10, 2010, will be in the Public Meeting #3 official record and considered by the US 281 EIS team.

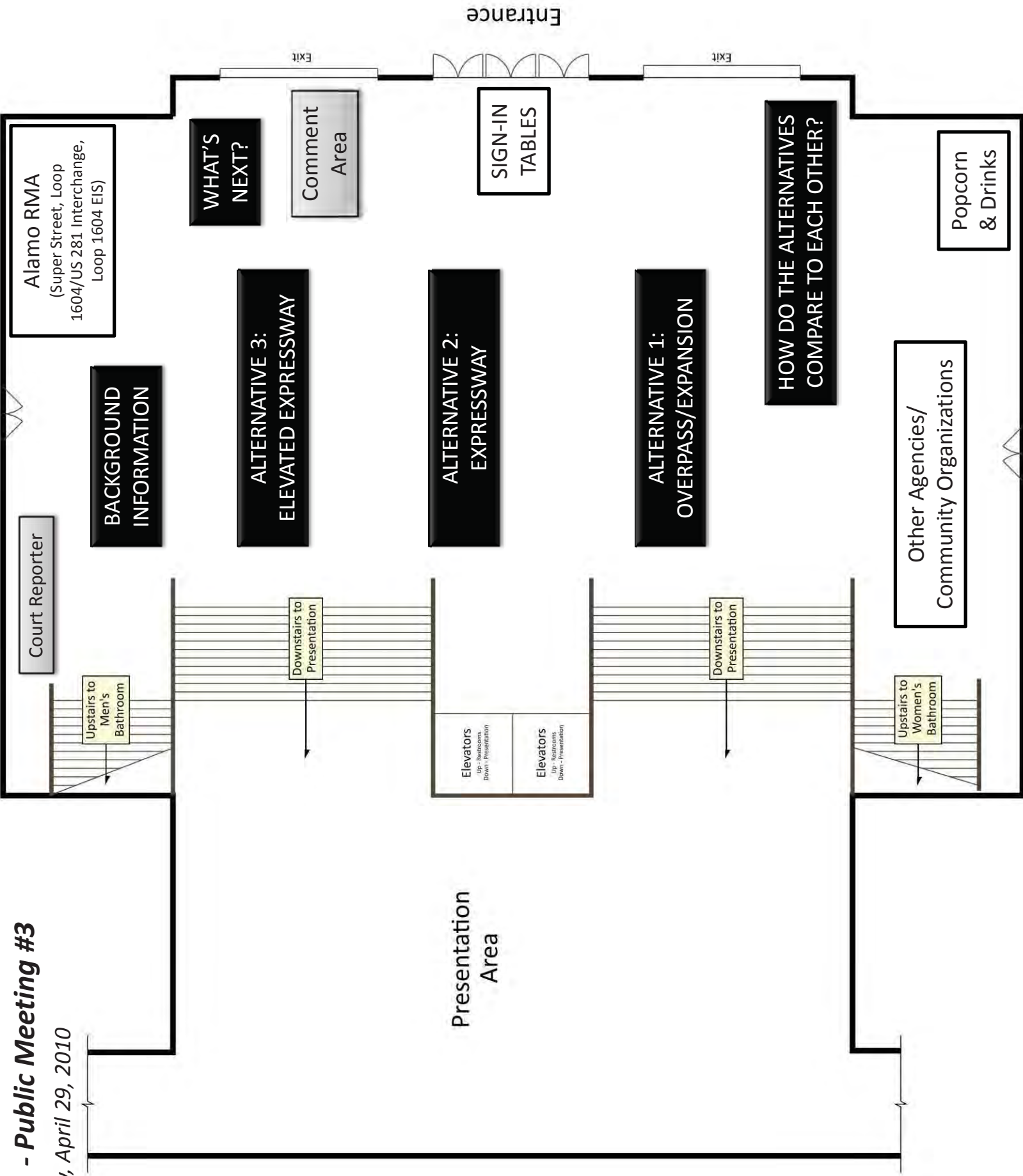
Written comments should be sent by US Mail to:

US 281 EIS Team
Alamo Regional Mobility Authority
1222 N. Main Avenue, Ste 1000
San Antonio, Texas 78212

You may also submit comments to the Alamo RMA by fax to 210-495-5403, e-mail at US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org or at www.411on281.com/US281EIS.

US 281 - Public Meeting #3

Thursday, April 29, 2010



US 281 Environmental Impact Statement
Public Meeting #3 – April 29, 2010
Summit Christian Center

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Email:

Public Meeting #3
April 29, 2010
Please visit us at www.411on281.com/US281EIS
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MEETING EVALUATION

Public involvement is key to the success of the US 281 Environmental Impact Statement. Your feedback will help us better meet your needs as we move forward. Please take a few minutes to complete this meeting evaluation form.

How did you hear about tonight's meeting? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> 411on281.com	<input type="checkbox"/> Church bulletin	<input type="checkbox"/> HOA/NA bulletin
<input type="checkbox"/> Sign placed in US 281 the project corridor	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/family/word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook
<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Socializer	
Newspaper (which one?) _____	Radio (which station?) _____	
TV (which station?) _____	Email (from whom?) _____	
Other: _____		

On a scale of 1 to 5, rate the location for tonight's meeting?

Did Not		Somewhat		Liked Very
Like		Liked		Much
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, rate the information presented and on display?

Not		Somewhat		Very
Helpful		Helpful		Helpful
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____

On a scale of 1 to 5, rate the small group work format used for tonight's meeting?

Did Not		Somewhat		Liked Very
Like		Liked		Much
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4	5

Comments: _____

Any other comments? (Please use additional sheets if needed.)

Slide Presentations

US 281 Environmental Impact Statement

Public Meeting #3

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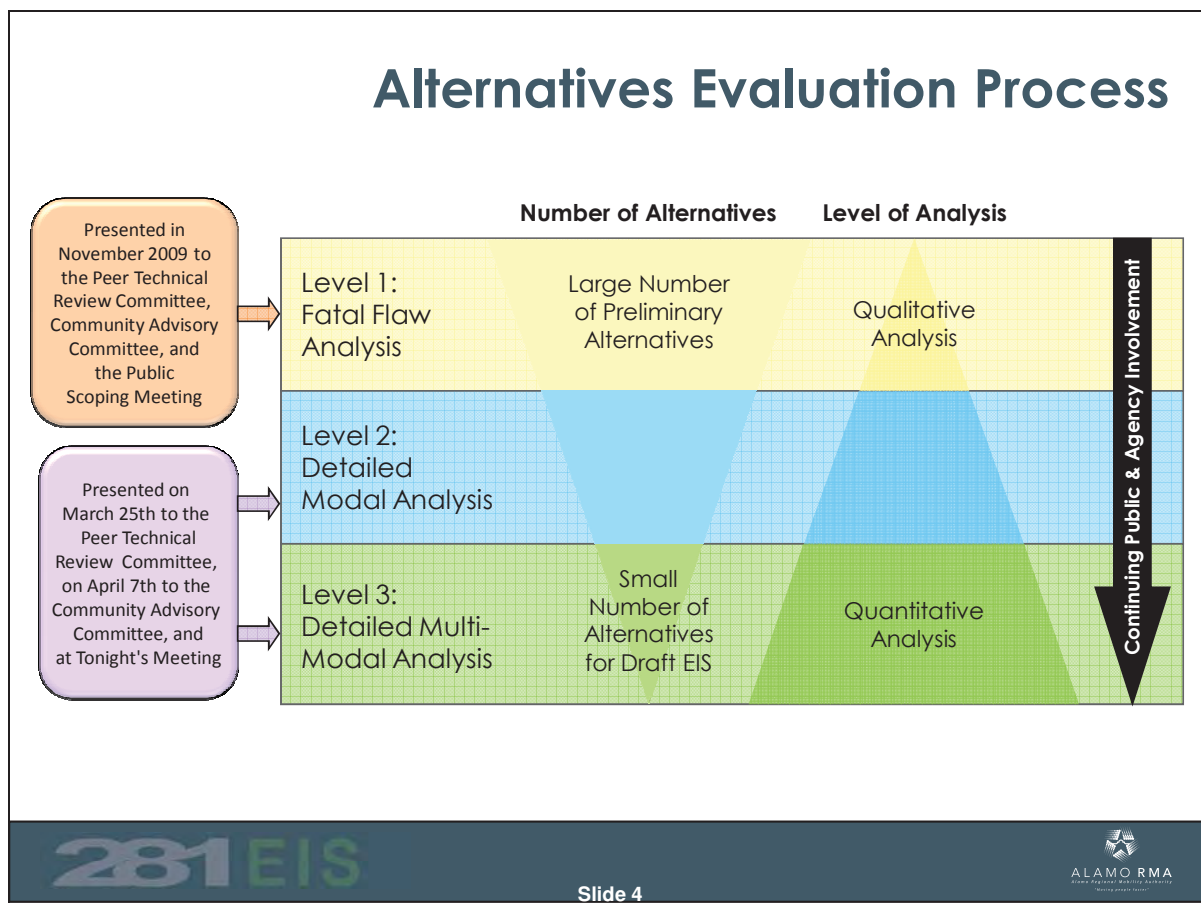
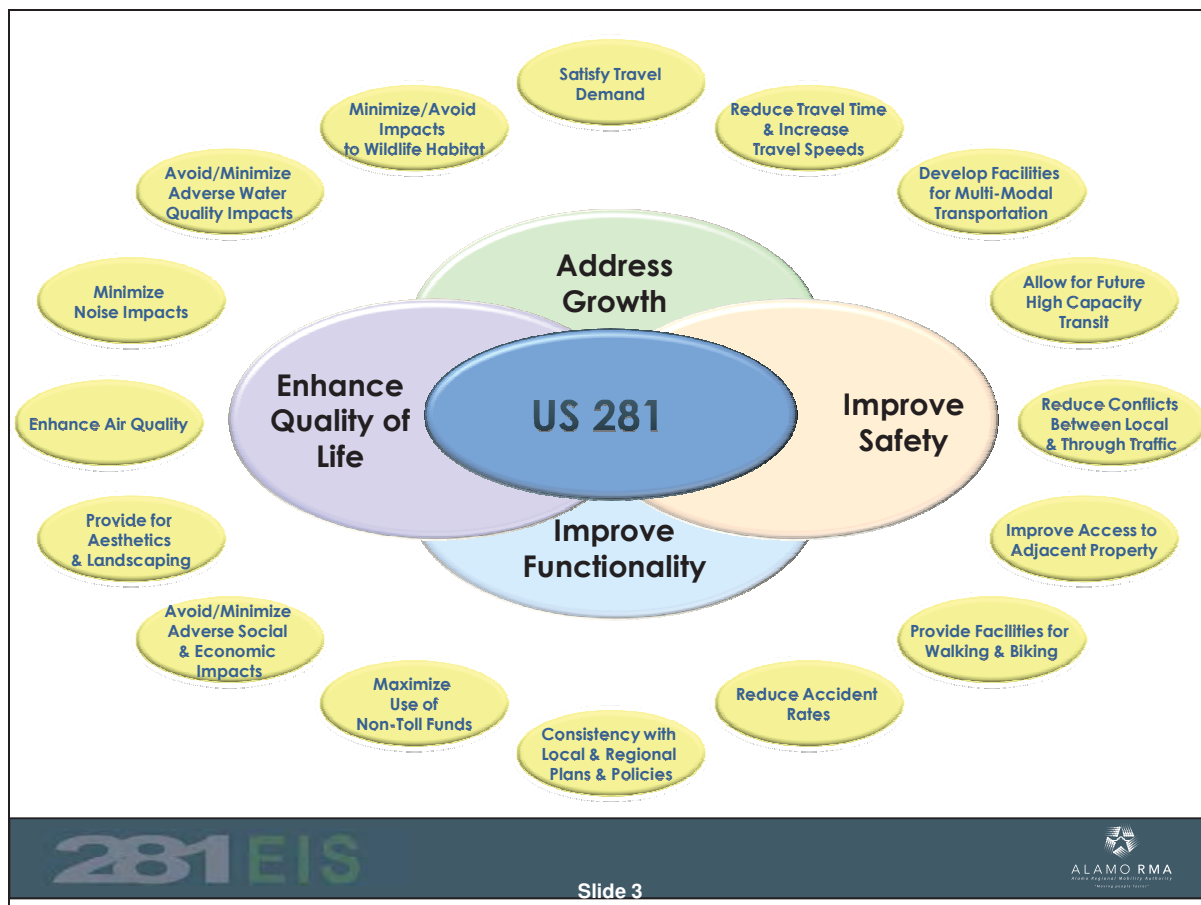
Presentation Overview

1. Background Information
2. Level 2 Modal Analysis
3. Level 3 Multi-Modal Analysis
4. Recommended Reasonable Alternatives to be Carried Forward into the Draft EIS

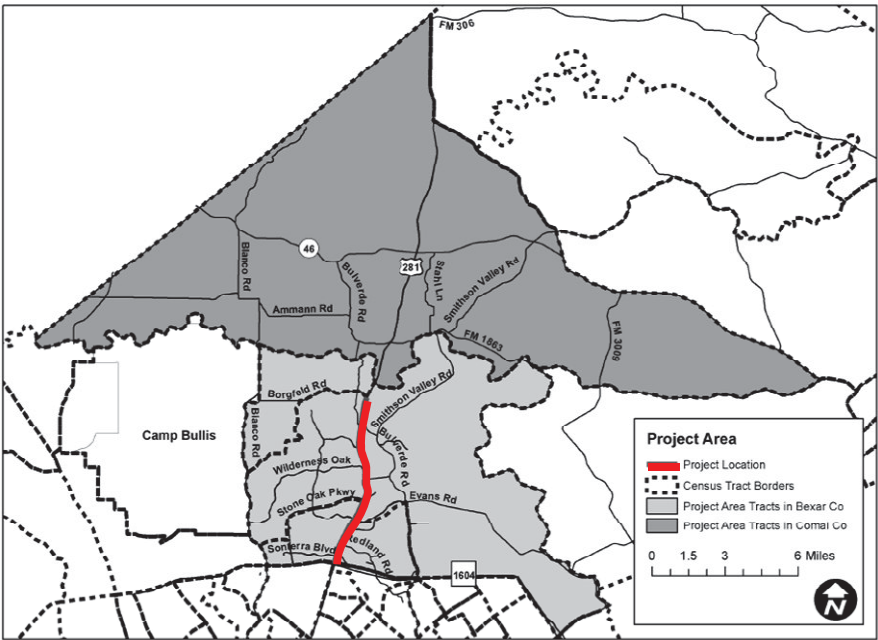
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Project Area



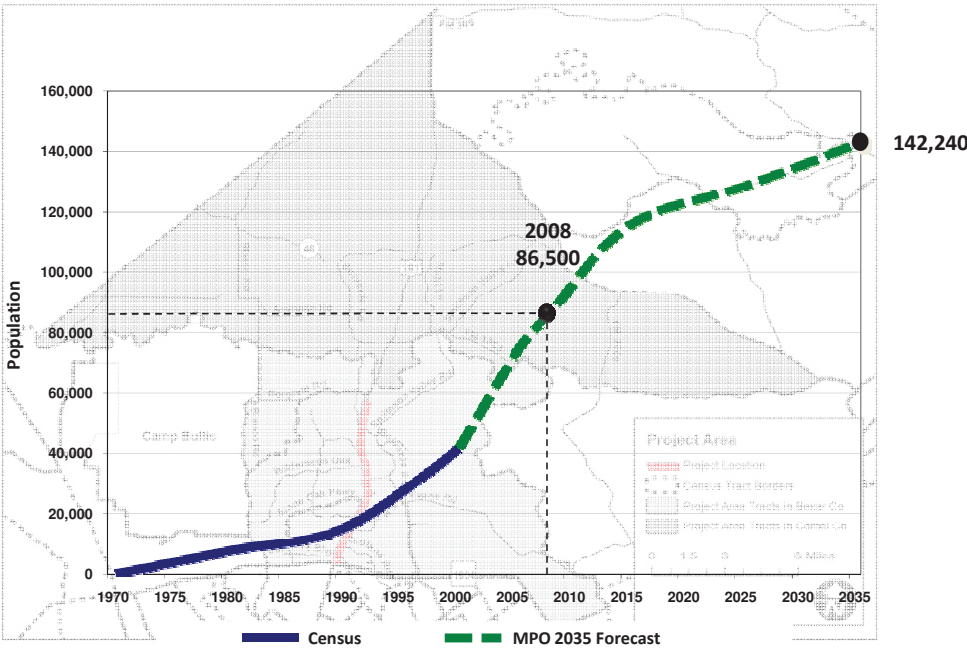
Source: US Census Bureau & MPO Demographic Forecasts

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Project Area Population



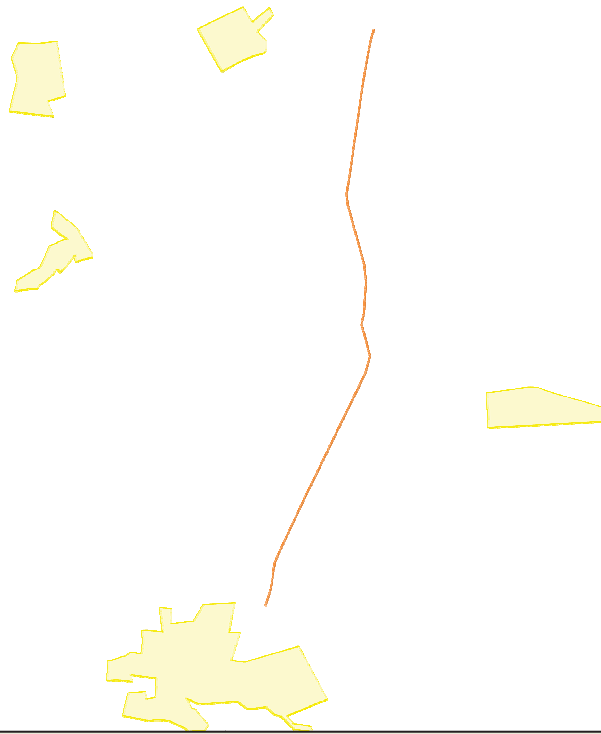
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1973 Aerial



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2009 Aerial

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Level 2 Evaluation Criteria

Level 2 Alternatives Evaluation

- **Based on the ability to:**
 - Reduce conflict between local and through traffic
 - Improve system connectivity
 - Reduce crash rates
 - Satisfy forecasted travel demand

Alternatives Recommended for Elimination in Level 2

Light Rail/Streetcar

- No existing system for connectivity south of Loop 1604
- High cost to connect to possible future light rail/streetcar system south of Loop 1604
- Population and employment density north of Loop 1604 not conducive to light rail/streetcar
- VIA Coordination
 - Maintain opportunity to support light rail/streetcar in the future
 - One or more park and ride locations with Bus service to be included in Build Alternatives (under consideration)

Level 3 Alternatives

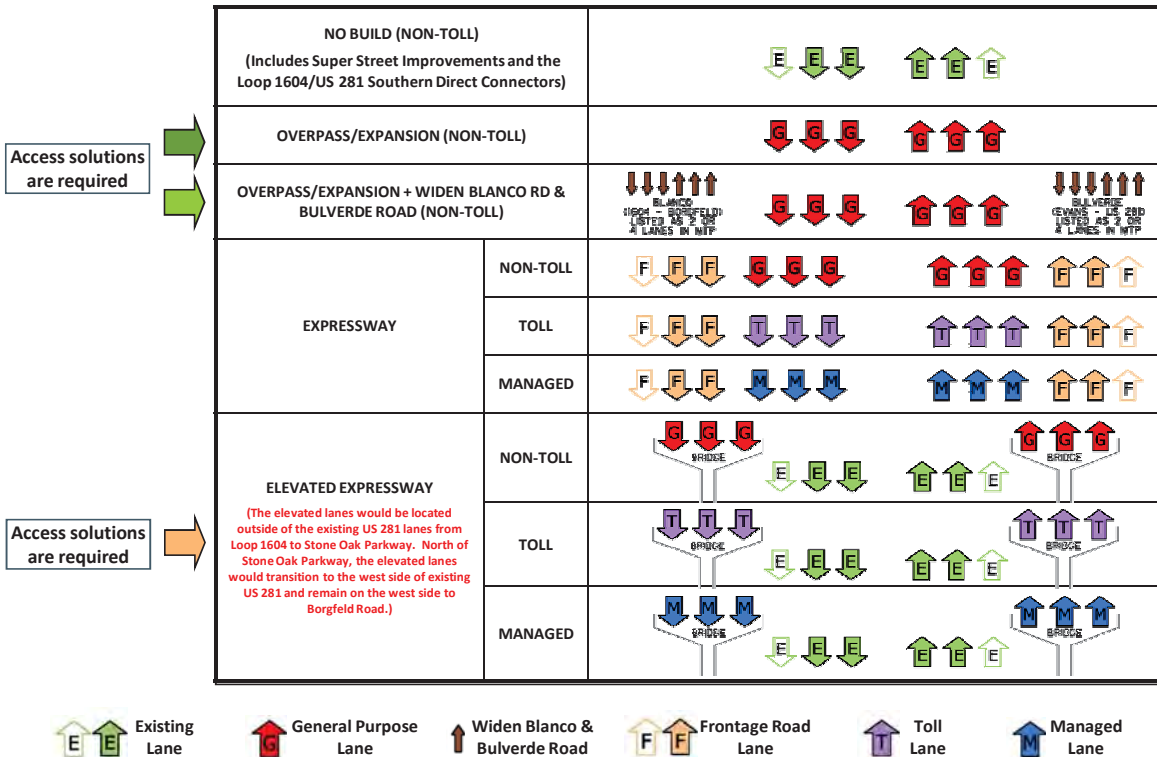
Build Alternatives		Complementary Elements
Overpass/Expansion (Non-Toll)		Bus, Park-and-Ride Facilities Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Growth Management Transportation System Management Transportation Demand Management
Overpass/Expansion + Widen of Blanco Rd and Bulverde Rd (Non-Toll)		
Expressway	Non-Toll	
	Toll	
	Managed	
Elevated Expressway	Non-Toll	
	Toll	
	Managed	

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Level 3 Alternatives



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How are Managed Lanes Different From Toll Lanes?



Katy Tollway – Houston, Texas

- **Toll Lanes** – Lanes on which vehicles, not exempted by state law, must pay to use
- **Managed Lanes** – An operational approach to managing lanes. Lanes can be free or have tolls based on certain conditions such as:
 - Number of persons per automobile
 - single occupant vehicles
 - multi occupant vehicles
 - Vehicle type
 - Bus
 - Emergency vehicle
 - Motorcycle
 - Automobile
 - Larger trucks
 - Time of day and week
 - Combination of any of the above

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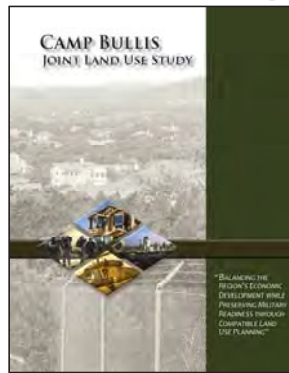
Level 3 Evaluation Factors

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Is the Alternative Compatible with Camp Bullis Operations?



Alternative	Yes	Somewhat	No
No Build	✓		
Overpass/Expansion	✓		
Overpass/Expansion + Widen Blanco Rd and Bulverde Rd			✗
Expressway		✓	
Elevated Expressway		✓	

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Super Street at Stone Oak Pkwy – San Antonio, Texas



US 15/501 - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

What could happen to the Super Street?

Alternative	Retained	Partially Retained	Eliminated
No Build	✓		
Overpass/Expansion			✗
Overpass/Expansion + Widen Blanco Rd and Bulverde Rd			✗
Expressway			✗
Elevated Expressway		✓	

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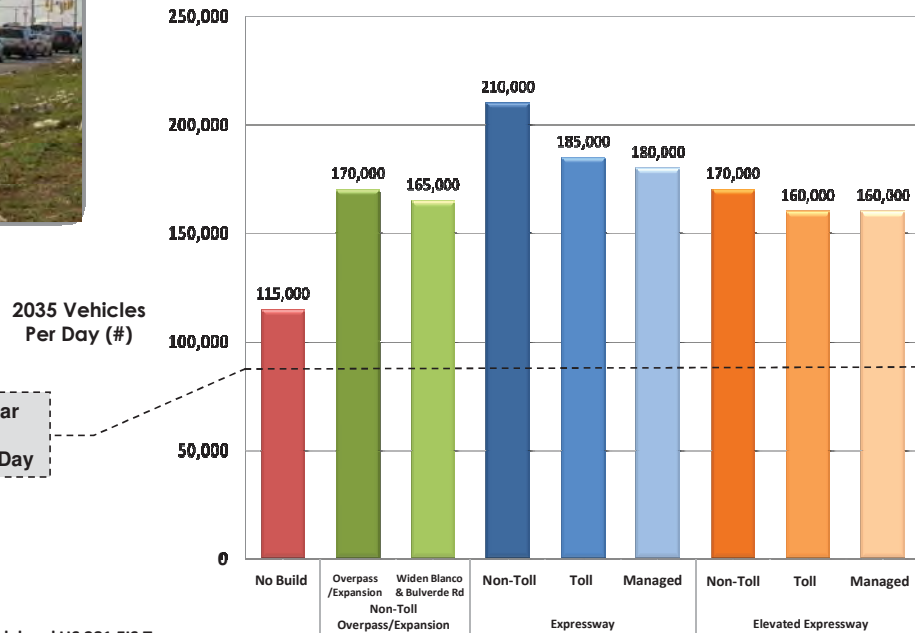
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US 281 and Evans Road –
San Antonio, Texas

How many vehicles per day could be on US 281 in 2035?



Source: MPO Travel Demand Model and US 281 EIS Team

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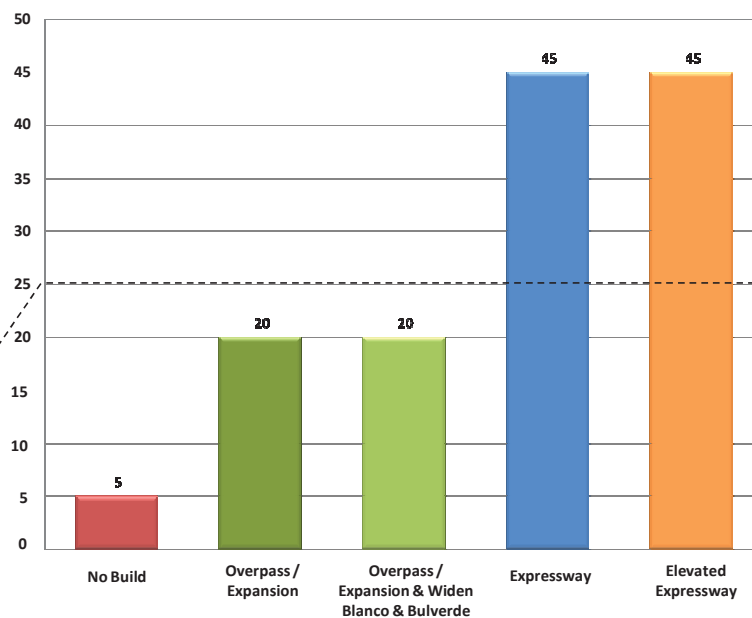
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What could be the average vehicle speed on US 281 in 2035?

Average Peak Hour
Speed – Main Lanes (MPH)

Existing US 281:
25 MPH



Source: MPO Travel Demand Model and US 281 EIS Team

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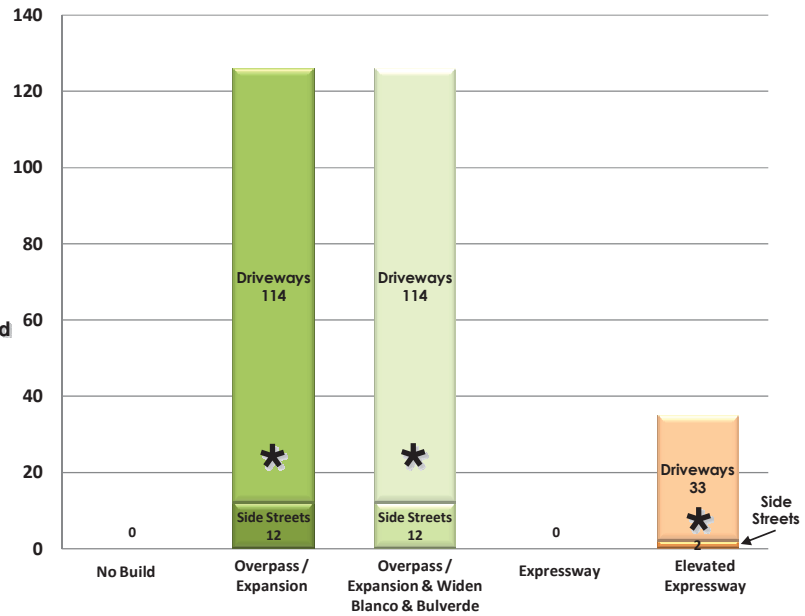
How many Driveways and Side Streets could potentially lose access?



US 281 near Evans Road – San Antonio, Texas

Number of Driveways and Side Streets

* These Numbers are preliminary and subject to change based on access solutions



Source: US 281 EIS Team

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Water Quality Division



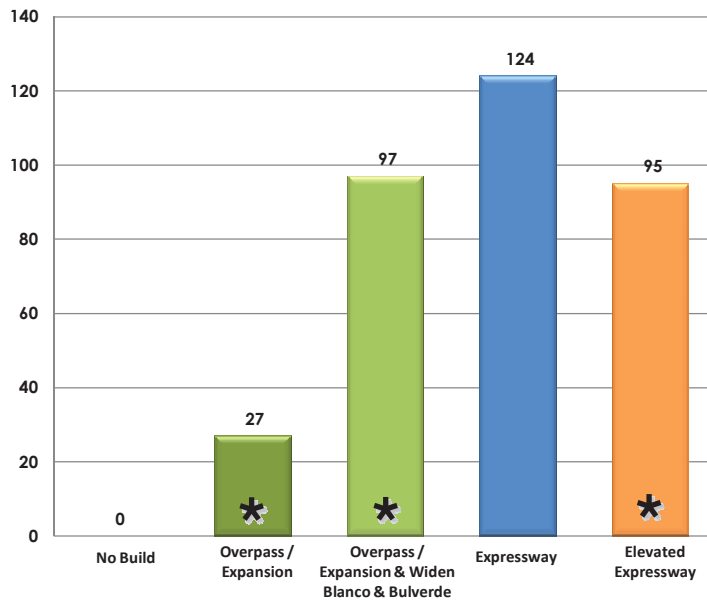
US 281 and Evans Road – San Antonio, Texas

Additional Right of Way Required from Loop 1604 to Borgfeld Road Beyond Current State Right of Way (acres)

* additional Right of Way may be required for access solutions

How much additional Right of Way could be required?

Right of Way is Preliminary and Subject to Change



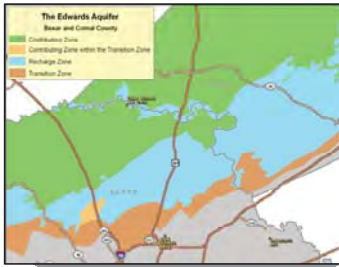
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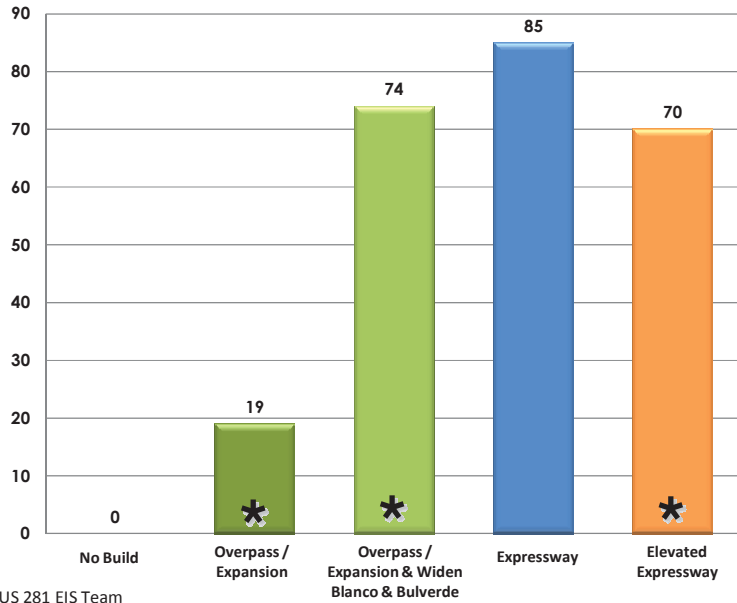
How much additional Right of Way could be within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone?



Proposed Additional Right of Way within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone (acres)

* additional Right of Way may be required for access solutions

Right of Way is Preliminary and Subject to Change



Source: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and US 281 EIS Team

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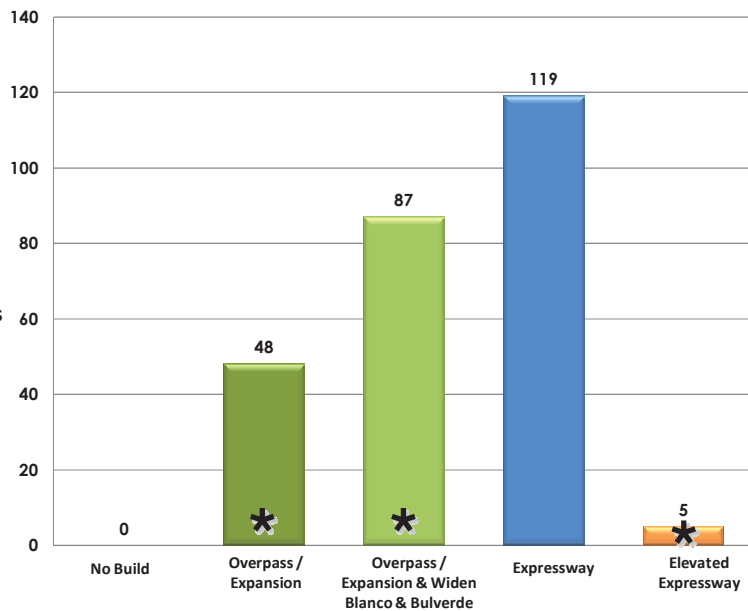


US 281- San Antonio, Texas

How much additional Impervious Cover could there be if this Alternative was Built?

Additional Impervious Cover (Acres)

* additional Right of Way may be required for access solutions



Source: US 281 EIS Team

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Water Quality Report

STATE PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY



Right of Way Division

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS
GREG ABBOTT

TEXAS LANDOWNER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

This notice applies to any attempt by the government or a person to acquire property for a public use. The Texas Property Code provides that the government must provide just compensation for your property.

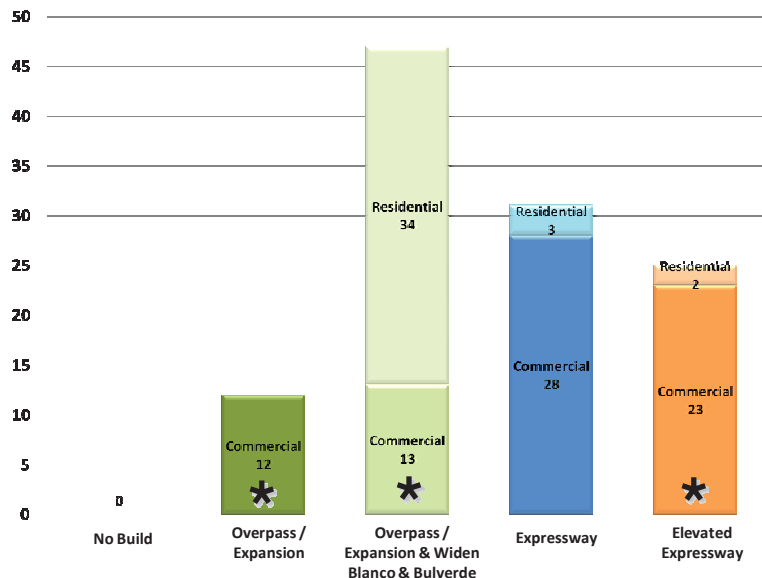
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Source: US 281 EIS Team

How many Homes and Businesses could be Displaced?

Right of Way is Preliminary and Subject to Change

Potential Displacements
(# Structures)



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Building a Better Future

Recommended Reasonable Alternatives to be carried forward to the Draft EIS

- **No Build**
 - US 281 Super Street Improvements
 - Loop 1604/US 281 Southern Direct Connectors
 - Routine Maintenance
 - All Other Improvements/Strategies in Long Range Transportation Plan Except US 281 north of Loop 1604
- **Overpass / Expansion Alternative**
 - Non-Toll
- **Expressway Alternative**
 - Non-Toll
 - Toll
 - Managed
- **Elevated Expressway Alternative**
 - Non-Toll
 - Toll
 - Managed

Complementary Elements of All Build Alternatives

Bus, Park-and-Ride Facilities
Bike & Pedestrian Facilities
Growth Management
Transportation System Management
Transportation Demand Management

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Building a Better Future

Alternative Recommended for Elimination

Overpass/Expansion Plus Widen Blanco Road and Bulverde Road

- Impact to Camp Bullis Operations
- High amount of additional Right Of Way Required
- Large number of Potential Displacements
- High potential for adverse Environmental Impacts

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Conceptual Schematic Review

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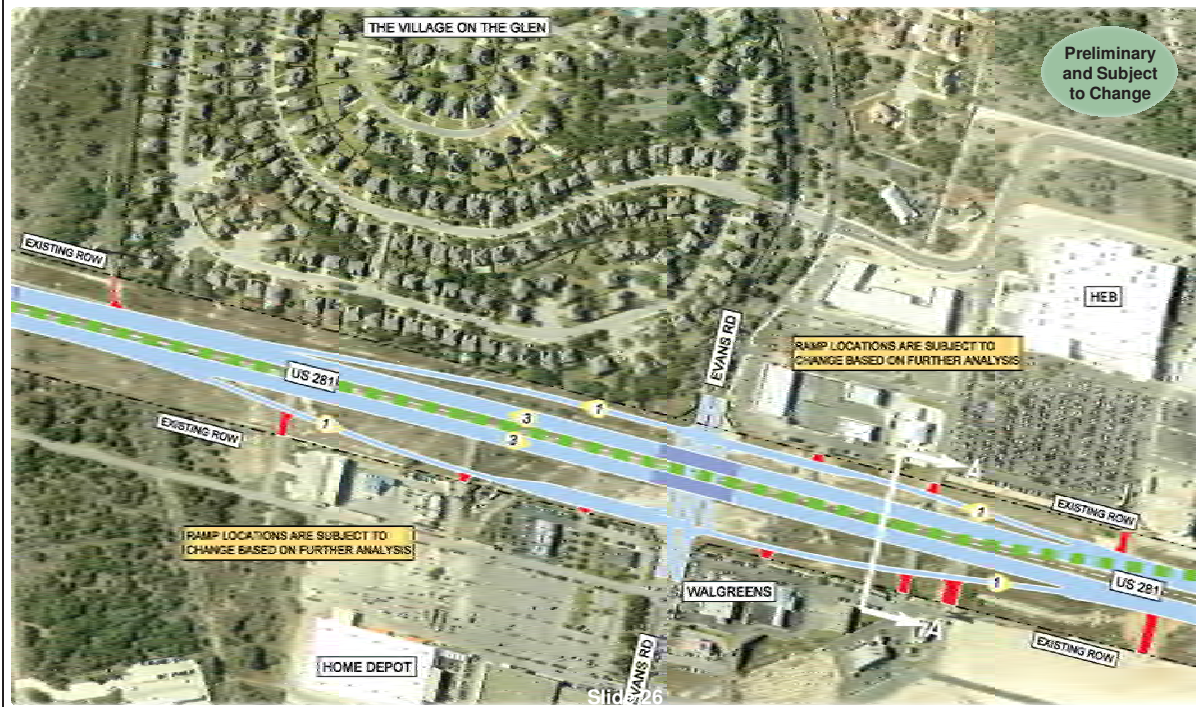


Alternative 1 Overpass/ Expansion US 281 at Evans Road

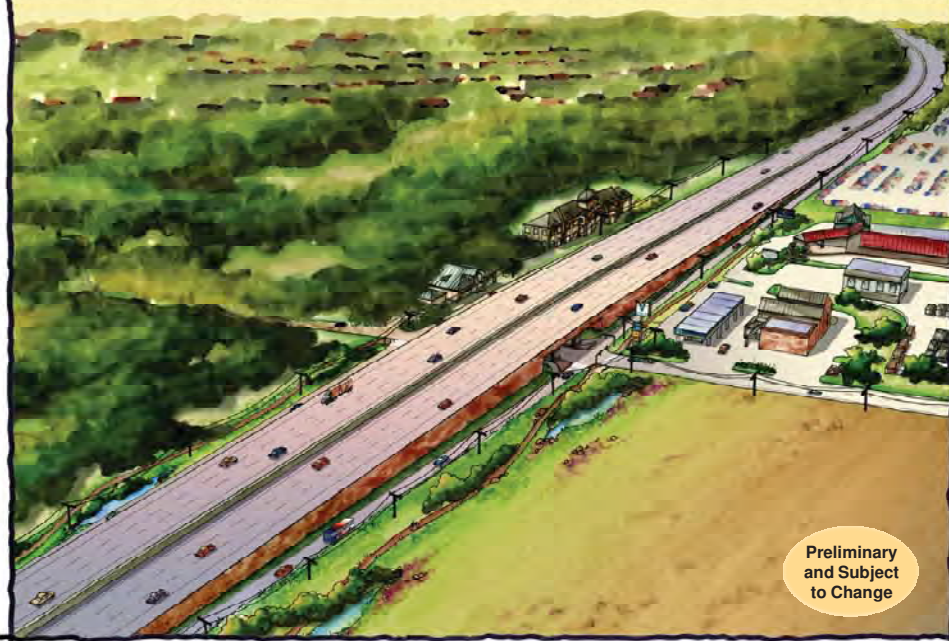


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Alternative 1 Overpass/ Expansion US 281 at Evans Road



Alternative 1 Overpass/ Expansion US 281 at Marshall Road



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Alternative 1 Overpass/ Expansion US 281 at Marshall Road



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Alternative 2 Expressway US 281 at Evans Road



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Alternative 2 Expressway US 281 at Evans Road



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Alternative 2 Expressway US 281 at Marshall Road



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Alternative 2 Expressway US 281 at Marshall Road



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Alternative 3 Elevated Expressway US 281 at Evans Road

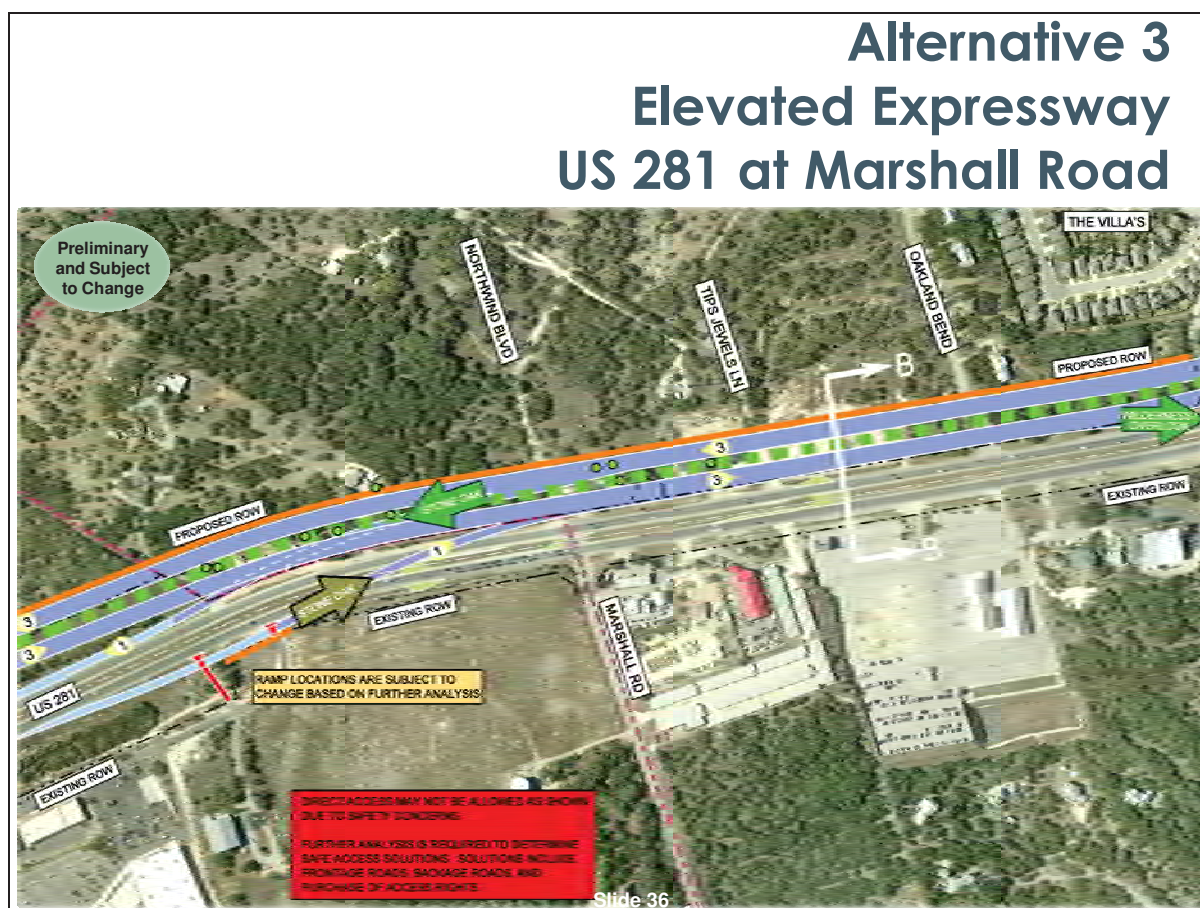
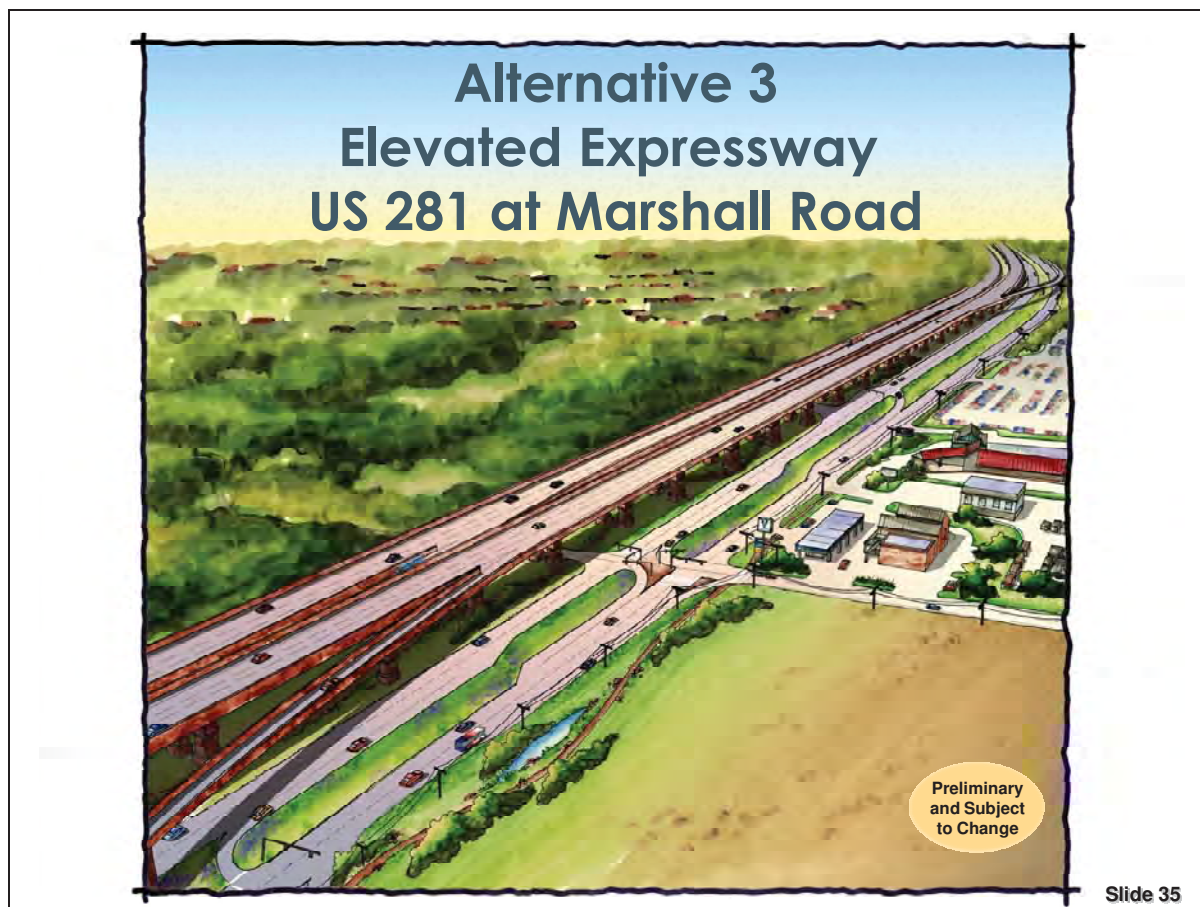


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Alternative 3 Elevated Expressway US 281 at Evans Road



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Small Group Work Session

Reports From Small Groups

How to Submit Comments

- **At the Meeting:**

- Fill out a comment card and drop in the comment box and/or
- Give your comments verbally to the Court Reporter

- **After the Meeting (through Monday, May 10, 2010):**

- Submit comments by fax to (210) 495-5403
- E-mail to US281EIS@AlamoRMA.org
- Website www.411on281.com/US281EIS

- **Mail written comments (through Monday, May 10, 2010) to:**

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The presentation and exhibits from tonight's meeting are available for download at
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